

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 25 January 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 April 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Interview Summary.



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DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of discussion with Applicant's Representative, 1/25/2005 and amendments to independent claims, the prior Final Office Action, has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffery Makeever, Reg. No 37,390 on 25 January 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of modifying a display order of user interface (UI screens ~~for a suite installation and setup application~~, comprising the steps of:

providing a single record text based setup data file for a suite installation and setup application having at least one section containing a display order textual listing of the user interface (UI) screens;

providing a text editor; and

editing the display order textual listing of the UI screens in the setup data file using the text editor.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable components comprising a plurality of components bundled in a suite, and a single record text based setup database file, said setup database file including a display order textual listing that is modifiable via a text editor, the display order textual listing identifying a specific user interface (UI) screens to be displayed during installation of said components.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions to perform the steps of:

acquiring a single record textual listing whose order of user interface screens is modifiable via a text editor, the display order textual listing providing a listing of user interface screens for each of a plurality of applications in a suite that are to be installed;

acquiring the user interface screens identified by the textual listing; and

displaying the user interface screens identified by the textual listing for each of the applications in the suite that are to be installed.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-15 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All independent claims recite the limitation of "a single record text based setup data file" whereby a text editor is used to modify the display order of user interface screens. This is used to customize a suite installation and setup application. The novelty is that text editing the display order of user interface screens enables an installation modification without requiring recompilation of source code. Thus, a suite installation may be customized and third parties may incorporate proprietary user interface screens, without manipulating source or binary code. Thus all claims 1-15 are allowed.

The closest prior art of record, US Patent 6,259,447 B1 to Kanetake et al. does not edit a single record and does not modify the display order of a user interface screen in the same manner. A combination of prior art would not be obvious.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Steelman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3704. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached at (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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